## Mrs. King Was Murdered, Swear Experts at Hearing

Have Shot Herself

## **Damaging Testimony** Presented by Farmer

#### Hollow Like a Dungeon, He Asserts, Where Means Said They Went to Shoot

their own neighbors that the fatal hollow beneath the sycamore tree was low beneath the sycamore tree was "dark as a dungeon" at the time of the shooting, and the keen thrusts with which he parried all attempts on the part of counsel for the defence to shake part of countries only confirmed the audit.

that the bullet which killed Mrs. King on August 29 was not fired by her

It came from a Colt automatic pistol challenged any one of Means's attorneys to hold the tiny weapon so that

In order to hold the weapon steady and level in such a case the muzzle would have to be pressed against the head, entailing powder burns, which are not present in this instance. I maintain that the shot could not have been fired by the deceased."

Furious attempts on the part of here quick." This, he declared, had heard a shot and them a man's had been fired by the deceased."

was crucified."

If Gaston Means has any friends in this community they were not present at the hearing to-day. Every telling point made by the prosecution was met with applause from the plain, unkempt country folk who began at dawn to arrive in town and line up at the Court House entrances. At 10 occlock the sheriff opened the strain. o'clock the sheriff opened the strain- of Dry's fellow farmers. ing doors and the crowd scrambled up-stairs and fought for places in the

watched the spectators struggle for vantage points, and joked with his lawyers. He had retained six attorneys besides his father, who is a lawyer of prominence in criminal law within a hundred miles of Concord. Headed by Frank I. Osborne, ex-Attorney General of the state, they were: E. T. Cansler, Luther T. Hartsell, Morrison H. Caldwell, Frank Armfield and T. D. Means. T. D. Means.
Mr. Osborne opened the proceedings

Township, who arrived, smoking a corncob pipe, ascended the bench and rapped

for order.
L. A. Weddington, the first witness Spiegelberg. called, testified concerning his removal of Mrs. King's body from the Concord Hospital to his undertaking establishment on the night of the shooting. Means, he said, instructed him to take between Mr. Ellison and Mr. Spiegel-tous.

Chicago.

A hermetically sealed casket had been to be close. covered with a sealed from box, he testified. It had left Asheville two hours before Means, Mrs. Melville, her sister, only S1. The three men were running

Dr. Schultze, at Concord,
Says Woman Could Not
Have Shot Herself

Tanges from a revolver identical to that which killed Mrs. King. His experiments, he declared, showed that any bullet fired from a distance of less than sixteen inches from the object fired at would leave grains of powder impedded in the object.

#### Ankle Broken Before Death

Ankle Broken Before Death

The fact that a hemorrhage had followed the breaking of Mrs. King's ankle, the witness maintained, proved conclusively that the joint had been fractured before death occurred. Attorney Cansler, in cross-examining the expert, resorted to factics which caused the courtroom to howl its disapproval. "Is it not a fact that your mind was made up that Mrs. King had been murdered before you performed your autopsy on her body?" thundered the lawyer. "Who pays you to come a thousand miles and inject yourself in this case?"

CONCORD, N. C., Sept. 24.—Testimony by medical experts that Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy New York widow, was the victim of murder and not of suicide was introduced at the preliminary hearing to-day into the charges that Gaston Bullock Means slew her.

Far from resenting the injection of criminal investigators from New York and Chicago, the crowd of country folk which filled the courtroom jeered the unbridled cross-examinations conducted by Means's array of lawyers and applauded the retorts of the out-of-town plauded the retorts of the out-of-town of the control of the court of the court of the courtroom is applauded the retorts of the out-of-town of the court of the cou "Stop that!" shouted an indignant

plauded the retorts of the out-of-town witnesses.

The drawling insistence of one of their own neighbors that the fatal hol-with the bullet's track.

part of counsel for the defence to shake his conviction, only confirmed the audinisc conviction, only confirmed the audinisc control of the trigger or safety device. I defy any one to do it.

"Mump" Ritchie, who sold the death dealing pistol to Means, testified that Means visited his store to have the weapon oiled three hours before Mrs. King was shot.

Captain W. S. Bingham, a member of the trigger of safety device.

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Ant to the District Attorney of New York County, and Dr. William H. Burmeister, Chief Coroner's Physician of Chicago, were in complete agreement and equally positive in the statement there he had left the party and walked the statement th 140 yards down the spring trail to shoot rabbits. Aften Means joined him a few minutes later and then they heard a shot. After a pause Means called him and he went to the forked camore tree beside the spring and say of .25 calibre, and bored horizontally through the woman's skull. Dr. Schultze dead, in the moonlight.

#### Farmer Aids Prosecution

neys to hold the tiny weapon so that its bullet could take a similar course into his head.

"It was as dark as it's ever agoin' to be," declared Charles S. Dry, a farmer who lives 200 yards from the murder glen, who was called after Bingham. Dry, who never has seen the inside of a school, told a story which was most damaging to the defence and to which he safety device with the index finger. In that case it would the necessary to fire it by pressing the trigger with the thumb and releasing the safety device with the index finger. In order to hold the weapon steady and level in such a case the muzzle would legal thrusts with homely wit. "It was as dark as it's ever agoin' to

Furious attempts on the part of counsel for Means to break down Dr. Schultze's testimony or confuse him were met with quietly delivered but telling retorts. Time and again the audience broke into applause as one of the attorneys retired in confusion to seek more ammunition. W. G. Means, the prisoner's father, protested against the handlapping, and the court called for order.

Takin, come here quick; captain, come here quick; captain, come here quick; aptain, come here quick; captain, captain,

question. "What time did you leave the field?" "What time did you sell the saked.
"Oh, let 'em go on," shouted E. T. ansler, one of Means's legal batery, facing the crowd. "That's the witness. "Ah wuz haulin' all afternoon. In the thick of the dusk ah drove into the barn on the last trip.

If Gaston Means has any friends in the field," replied the witness. "Ah wuz haulin' all afternoon. In the thick of the dusk ah drove into the barn on the last trip.

Ahen ah fed mah stock."

"How long did that take? About five

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"How long did that take? About five minutes?" asked the cross-examiner.

"Could you feed five horses, three mules, six hogs and a show o' chickuns in five minutes. I'll hire you ef you kin," replied Dry, while the courtroom resounded with the laughed approval of Dry's fellow farmers.

#### Refutes Captain Bingham

tion for a recount, if the official figures | chants' Association. give him fewer votes than Frederick

the corpse first to Asheville, then to berg appears on the unofficial figures other five.

# Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?

AND COMING HOME AND 1-30 ARRIVES AND NO AFTER THE BEST HUBBY ALL LIT UP -IN THE WORLD GOES DOWN TOWN ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS AND SAYS HE'LL BE BACK AT 1-30 SURE HUBBY AND YOU HAVE A MENTAL PICTURE OF HIM MEETING A LOT OF HIS GOOD FELLOW OH-H-H-H- BOY !!! ALL OF A SUDDEN HE COMES YOU SIT DOWN AND

BAWL AND BEGIN TO WONDER IF YOU OUGHT TO RUN AWAY AND BECOME A RED CROSS NURSE OR GO TO RENO



#### Root Calls Suffrage Demand 'Unfortunate

#### Declares in Speech It Is Being "Thrust Upon Us" in War Crisis

UTICA, Sept. 24.-Elihu Root made known his opposition to woman suffrage in emphatic utterances at a mass meeting here to-night. Mr. Root presided, presenting Mrs. James Wadsworth, jr., president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, and Mrs. Grace Duffield Goodwin, of Connecticut,

Mr. Root declared "it is unfortunate that the subject should be thrust upon us now when the nation is at war, but the subject is thrust upon us," he added. "It cannot be allowed to go by default, and these women who are not seeking a place in politics are deter-"It cannot be allowed to go by that the question shall not go

by default.
"I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women. I formed an un-favorable opinion of the project many years ago and time, far from changing mry opinion, has but confirmed it."

Mrs. Wadsworth said she became actively interested because she believes the government is threatened with a serious illness-feminization—and decided something must be done to stop polling

# Found Dead in Bed

#### Yonkers Overall Manufacturer, Killed by Revolver Shot,

Dry's testimony refuted that of Cap- of the Sweet-Orr Overall Company, was Quaker City.

E. T. Cansler, Luther T. Hartsell, Morrison H. Caldwell, Frank Armfield and T. D. Means.

Mr. Osborne opened the proceedings by presenting a request from Means that the hearing be conducted before some justice of the peace other than A. B. Palmer, before whom the murder warrant had been made returnable.

"I certainly appreciate this motion," said Judge Palmer, concurring. "It relieves me of an unpleasant duty and a great responsibility."

A messenger was dispatched to summon C. A. Pitts, a justice of the 24th Township, who arrived, smoking a cornoch pine ascended the heaving a cornoch pine ascended to summon C. A. Pitts, a justice of the 24th Township, who arrived, smoking a cornoch pine ascended the heaving a cornoch pine ascended to summon C. A. Pitts, a justice of the 24th Township, who arrived, smoking a cornoch pine ascended to summon C. A. Pitts, a justice of the 24th Township, who arrived, smoking a cornoch pine ascended to summon C. A. Pitts, a justice of the 24th Township, who arrived, smoking a cornoch pine ascended to summon C. A. Pitts, a justice of the 24th Township, who arrived, smoking a cornoch pine ascended to summorrow.

In hearing will be resumed to for some hours.

Candidate for Judge Unofficially

Beaten by 81 Votes

Mark H. Ellison, candidate for the nomination for Municipal Court Judge Court Judge in Manhattan on the Republican ticket in the recent primaries, announced wide developed to be suicide."

Mr. Sweet was born in Wappinger Falls, N. Y., in 1842. He founded "The Real Estate Record" and "The Architectural Record" in New York before he organized the Sweet-Orr Overall Warrant and the Sweet Court of the Union League, Lotos and Dunwood Golf clubs and of the Mercoch Park Court of the Union League, Lotos and Dunwood Golf clubs and of the Mercoch Park Court of the Union League, Lotos and Dunwood Golf clubs and of the Mercoch Park Court of the Union League, Lotos and Dunwood Golf clubs and of the Mercoch Park Court of the Union League, Lotos and Dunwood Golf clubs and of the Mercoch Park C

#### Two Balloons Fly 160 Miles

William Young, one of the Republican candidates, seems to have been nominated beyond doubt, but the race One carried four men and the

#### News in Brief

## Philadelphians Are Named In Polls Murder Confession Money Will Be Used to Estab-

#### Gunman Gives Detailed Story of Riots Before Mother and Sister-Says Men Had Orders to Use Blackjacks, but Not to Kill

one of four alleged gunmen arrested in The Bronx Saturday for complicity in examination yesterday. Mayor Smith of Philadelphia is charged with conspiracy for murder in connection with

During the disorder Policeman George A. Eppley was shot and killed. He was one of several policemen who had gone to the assistance of James A. Carey, a Republican leader, and John H. Maurer, an assistant District Attorney, who were attacked by a gang on Delancey Street in the "bloody Fifth New York Policeman" In Philadelphia as Result Of Murder at Primaries

A meeting to devise campaign plans for New York City was held yesterday in the office of former Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, at 120 Liberty Street. It was announced that checks could be sent to the New York Public Library or any of its branches, to newspapers, issued to-day for the arrest of several unnamed persons charged with complete plicity in the murder of Policeman way.

polling place. They said they had been warned of a possible attack. Burkhard and other alleged New York gunmen were arrested, and some of them idenselved the books with a short time. Warrants also have been served up to a late hour tonight. District Attorney Rotan described to the books ular kind. tified as having been near the scene

of the shooting. Since Burkhard's arrest he has insisted that he was not in Philadelphia the day them. Policeman Eppley was murdered and the 5th Ward terrorized. But yester-

Means Has Six Lawyers

Means, an unlighted cigar between bis lips, already was installed in the space reserved for his counsel. Loung comfortably in an arm chair, he chewed his cigar complacently, watched the spectators struggle for watched the spectators struggle for yantage points, and joked with his lawyers. He had retained six at-

An interesting feature of Burkhard's gang' confession is the fact that he naïvely informed the police here that the gun-

ence of his mother and sister, having asked the police to permit them to hear his story. The confession was made to Assistant District Attorney Mork of The Bronx, and Philadelphia police of-

The silence of "Little Bill" Burkhard, place, would settle with me." But Cutler said he did not know the identity of the "big guy." Mamie Cleighton, colored maid at the fatal Philadelphia election riots of last Wednesday, gave way under crossmen. She told the police that the men were in their rooms drinking and playwere in their rooms drinking and playwere in their rooms drinking and playmen. She told the police that the men in all training camps here
were in their rooms drinking and play-

# Several Warrants Issued

Delancey Street in the "bloody Fifth plicity in the murder of Policeman Ward."

Eppley and assault on citizens at the buy books for soldiers and sailors and primary election last Wednesday, had to erect library buildings in all the training camps. Gifts of books are solding place. They said they had been night. District Attorney Rotan devarand of a possible attack. Burkhard clared, however, that he expected the issued for the arrest of James Clark, on a charge of murder, and Mike O'Sul-livan, for conspiracy to murder, but the police have not yet been able to serve

Captain Tate, of the Detective Bu-reau said to-night that the information volunteered by the two prisoners in Thought a Suicide

YONKERS, Sept. 24.—Clinton W.

Sweet, seventy-five years old, founder of sixteen New York gunmen to the Sweet of Suicide of Sixteen New York gunmen to the fession, while the District Attorney considered their admissions so im-

is to the right, and it's minnight on a clear moonlight night afore there's any light in that grove."

Dry declared he saw three men come from the spring and engage in conversation after the shot was fired. The hearing will be resumed to merrow.

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At 8:30 this morning Miss Anna McDevitt, a trained nurse, found him dead. She notified members of the famjunner, Burkhard says, made frequent visits to a political club during their stay in Philadelphia.

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Tate. "Both men are willing to make not to mote affair, but to its stockholders. Similar reminders are to be sent out with the monthly day have named all their associates in the two gangs of thugs, and their information is so valuable that I believe we will arrest every member of the consolidated we will arrest every member of the

men had been instructed "not to kill, Deutsch were placed under \$10,000 to this Federal Reserve District in the but just to smash things up and use spiracy to commit aggravated assault blackjacks as much as possible." The killing of Policeman Eppley evidently was a result of over-zealousness on the part of the gunmen.

spiracy to commit aggravated assault and murder, in a statement to-night declared he was prepared to prove who authorized the bringing of the alleged gunmen from New York and who paid the National Electric Light Association,

## U.S. Labor to Fight Germans in Russia

Germans in Russia

Politicians Incriminated

The details of Burkhard's story have not been given out. But it is known that he has given the police a detailed story of the trip to Philadelphia, which reveals the identity of Philadelphia, which gumen imported.

District Attorney Martin of The Bronx went to Philadelphia yesterday to confer must be carned and in strengthening the the dustricity shortly after Burkhard, "Straight Louge" Brunelli, William Dennechy and Ruggiero Falcone, known as "Jimmy the Gash," had been given a hearing hefore Magistrate Ten Eyck, in the morral and not be more and population and had been held

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The Bronx and Philadelphia police officials (Company, and the Third Avenue Railroad Company, and a large number of social welfare workers.

The Patrictic Service League, of 509 Pifth Avenue, has offered its aid in the flotation of the loan. It is the first cive organization to take this structures to be built workers. Most of the league members live in the 19th Congressional District, and their first efforts will consist of a canvass of that section of the city officials Congressional District, and their first efforts will consist of a canvass of that section of the city of the bigologo for eleven of the buildings. Other constitutions of the entry of th

## Work Begun to Raise \$1,000,000 Book Fund

## lish Camp Libraries for U. S. Fighting Men

The campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for soldiers' libraries began yesterday in New York City and throughout the country. A letter by Major General Tasker H. Bliss, chief of the army General Staff, commends the enterprise. It reads: "Secretary Baker has approved the

work of the American Library Associaing cards all Tuesday night, and left in a body early Wednesday morning. and abroad. Secretary Baker himself appointed the Library War Council of the American Library Association." A meeting to devise campaign plans

## Cortelyou Launches Liberty Loan Drive

#### Aid of Public Utility Companies Enlisted in Selling Bonds

week with the dividend checks which the Consolidated Gas Company mailed Gas Company, has been appointed James G. Gordon, counsel for Isadore chairman of a committee which will enlist all public utility corporations in second Liberty Loan campaign.

the American Gas Institute, the National Commercial Gas Association, the

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## U. S. Will Help Immigrants Say Bellevue

## Lansing Acts on Report From

Hebrew Sheltering Society The State Department in Washington The State Department in Washington will aid immigrants bound for this country from Russia who have been stranded on the way, either through lack of funds or of shipping facilities. This was the decision of Secretary Lansing after a lengthy report by Isidore Hershfield, representing the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society.

Society.

The American Ambassador to Japan and the American Consul at Yokohama have been directed to make a thorough investigation and report as soon as possible on the number of Russian refugees who have reached Japan and been able to go no further. The report submitted by Mr. Hershfield places their number in the thousands and states that their present condition is pitiable in the extreme.

## "Bone Dry" Law Leaks

#### Does Not Prohibit Imports Into W. Va., Says Court

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 24.—
The West Virginia "quart-a-month" law, which permits the bringing into the state of one quart of liquor each month does not violate the Federal "bone-dry" act, according to a decision handed down late to-day by Judge Benjamin F. Keller in the Federal court here.

The court held that the Federal statute does not apply to interstate trans-

ute does not apply to interstate trans-portation as constituted by the bring-ing in of liquor for personal use.

# Mitchel Lead Now Reduced To 392 Votes Continued from page 1 Conti

dred ballot boxes a day under the stipulated method and that the number handled per day probably would fall short of that. Considering that there is a ballot box for each of the 2,060 election districts in the city, the recount would occupy at least three weeks. As it is only six weeks until election and the time limit for filing independent nominations expires on October 17, the necessity for shortening the period of recount is evident.

When the matter of the Mayor's application for an inspection of the ballots came before Justice Cohalan yesterday Hamilton Mclines, representing would be under the guise of a pathological specimen, of which we keep no

terday Hamilton McInnes, representing Mr. Bennett, stepped forward and consented to the entry of an order. Assistant Corporation Counsel Nicholson, representing the Board of Elections, also agreed. Nicholson and Mr. McInnes, together with Abraham S. Gilbert, representing the Mayor, went to Mr. Bennett's law office, at 15 William Street, where the form of the order was finally agreed upon. Counsel for Bennett filed an affidavit with the court was finally agreed upon. Counsel for Bennett filed an affidavit with the court asking that the scope of the order be extended to include "all ballots." Bennett described in his affidavit certain alleged irregularities in some of the ballots in various election districts, where his examiners had found that he had received no votes and where, he charged, the Mayor's name had been written in on the Democratic ballot and counted for him in the Republican primaries.

Burns Denies Report

"I was right here in New York at the time Judge Bingham places me at the opened grave in Wilmington," said burns. "I have never had anything to with the former Mrs. Flagler or with any of her heirs. Any business relations would have been handled through my Memphis branch agency, but I would have a record of it here. There is no such record on my files."

Lawyers here said to be planning a

Dr. Joseph P. Brennan is president and David P. Linney secretary, has indorsed the Mitchel administration and will support Mayor Mitchel for reelection. A copy of resolution: to that effect adopted by the league at a meeting Sunday night was sent to the Mayor yeswer with William R. Kenan, of Lockey and the Mayor yesw

day night was sent to the terday.

Mayor Mitchel yesterday received a riedly after news of the exhumation telegram of congratulation on his nomination for Mayor from Myron T. Herrick, former Republican Governor of Ohio and former Ambassador to Refuses to Discuss

Folders calling attention to the sec-ond Liberty Loan were inclosed last week with the dividend checks which and I believe that you will succeed be cause they believe in the future of our

# Cornerstone Is Laid

## Marks New Era in Treatment of City's Child Wards

Hospital and School, one of the group asked. Hospital and School, one of the group of new buildings to be erected on the island. The ceremony was attended by "Is the statement true, credited to American Electric Railway Association, the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and the Third Avenue Railroad Charities; several other city officials are proved everything that he had done!

# Has Organs of Mrs. Bingham

Report Dr. Norris Was Retained to Make Analysis for Drug Trace

Burns Denies Share In Grave-Digging

### Detective Not Exhumation Witness, He Says, as Judge Announced

Organs which might retain a trace of drugs administered shortly before death, which were removed from the exhumed body of Mrs. Robert W. Bing. ham, the former Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, are said to be under analysis in Belle vue Hospital and Columbia University, Dr. Charles Norris, director of laboratories at Bellevue Hospital, is said to

May Ask More Clerks

The provision in the order permitting only one clerk of the Board of Elections to handle the ballots probably will be changed and a more expeditious method adopted. It was said at the Board of Elections that they could not hope to examine more than one hundred ballot boxes a day under the stipulated method and that the number pathological laboratories which the large to ascertain the identity of the persons who represented to the health of Wilmington that they club who represented to the health off Wilmington that they club who represented to the health officer of Wilmington that they club who represented to the health officer of Wilmington that they club who represented to the health officer of Wilmington that they cloud the remaining the persons who represented to the health officer of Wilmington that they thought a crime had been committed in the death officer of Mrs. Bingham, who left an estate of Mrs. Bingham and State o

logical specimen, of which we keep no

rimaries.

Irish Indorse Mitchel

The Irish-American League, of which by Joseph P. Brennan is president and lavid P. Linney secretary, has indorsed the Mitchel administration and will apport Mayor Mitchel for reelection.

# Exhumation of Body

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Sept. 24.-"I aven't anything to say," William R. LOCKPORT, N. haven't anything to say," William R. Kenan, jr., stated to-night concerning the exhumation of the body of his sister, Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, widow

Asked if he knew the body had been

In the presence of practically the whole population of Randall's Island, Mayor Mitchel laid yesterday the cornerstone of the New York Children's asked.

"What have you to say regarding the charge of Dr. M. L. Ravich, physician of Mrs. Biogham at Leuisville, that the theft of records from his office was the work of detectives?" he was

## of Henry M. Flagler. Mr. Kenan is one of the executors of the estate left by his sister. He maintained that he knows nothing of the things hinted at in dispatches from Wilmington, Washington and Louisville. Randall Island School Mayor Declares Ceremony

exhumed, he replied, "I haven't any-thing to say."
"What have you to say regarding the